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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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The International Searching Authority has determined that this international application contains multiple (groups of) inventions, namely

1. Claims 1-8

replaceable dosing device.

2. Claims 9-14 (dependent claim 9 - lack of unity of invention
a posteriori)

special design of the agitating device.

3. Claims 15-19 (dependent claim 15 – lack of unity of invention
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drive unit.

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